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Sri M. LAKSHMANASWAMI :—" ఇదివరలో శాసన సభ్యులను ఎవరినైనా యీ కమిటీలోనికి తీసుకొన్నారాండి? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" A member of the State Harijan Welfare Committee, who happens to belong to that district, is a member of the District Harijan Welfare Committee. With reference to this particular case, Mr. V. Kurmayya is a member but the membership has never been in his capacity as M.L.A. at any time."

Sri P. SYAMASUNDARA RAO :—" మీరు శ్యామసుందరరావు అనే పేరు పూర్తిగా జ్ఞాపకము ఉంచుకోవాలని మరొకసారి జ్ఞాపకము చేస్తున్నాను "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I find that hon. Members change their seats without due intimation and that is my difficulty. I also see that the Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Ramamurthi have interchanged seats. If hon. Members want to change their seats, let them first inform the Office and then change their seats."

Sri P. SYAMASUNDARA RAO :—" నా స్థలము ఇదేనండి. ఇప్పుడు మంత్రిగారు చెప్పినట్లు అసలు M.L.A.లు ఆ కమిటీలో ఎందుకు ఉండకూడదు అని ప్రశ్న? హరిజన హాస్టల్స్‌లో జరిగే management చాలా చెడ్డగా ఉంటుందని అనేకసార్లు ప్రభుత్వ నోటీసుకు తేబడింది. ఇప్పటికైనను యీ హాస్టల్లు కమిటీల ద్వారా జరిపే proposals వున్నవని welfare department ద్వారా తెలిసింది. అట్లాంటి proposals ఉన్నవా? అట్లాంటప్పుడు ప్రభుత్వం ఏమి చెప్పుతుంది? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" In these committees, M.L.A.s are neither ex-officio members nor are they precluded from being members. A person being an M.L.A. has nothing to do with his membership of the Committee. That is the position so far as M.L.A.s are concerned.

About hostels, the question of how to improve the condition of their management is engaging the attention of the Government."

Absorption of Police officials of the former Pudukkottai State into Madras State Service.

* 296 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Police officers including constables and ministerial and clerical staff of the former Pudukkottai State Police were absorbed correspondingly with Madras State Police; and

(*b*) the details of such absorption, the dates of fixation of Madras scales of pay, weightage, etc.?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The entire Police personnel of the former Pudukkottai State were absorbed in the Madras Police Subordinate Service with effect from 1st January 1949. All were absorbed in corresponding ranks except three officiating Sergeants, who were absorbed as Jamadars in the Armed Reserve but on higher pay than what

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they were getting in the pre-merger State. The absorbed personnel were ordered to be on probation for a period of one year in the respective categories in which they were absorbed.

The members of the clerical staff of the former Pudukkottai Police Office were also absorbed in the Madras Police Department from 1st January 1949. The Manager of the former Pudukkottai Police Office was absorbed as upper division clerk in the District Police Office, Tiruchirappalli, as a preliminary to his being promoted as an Accountant. The upper division clerks, lower division and typist of the Pudukottai Police Office have been absorbed in corresponding ranks.

The pay of all the personnel absorbed, both executive and ministerial, has been fixed in the Madras scales of pay which are more advantageous with effect from 1st January 1949 and in fixing their pay, weightage has been given for the service in the former State. The seniority of all the personnel has been fixed in accordance with the instructions issued by Government. Cases of the former State employees are invariably considered for promotions along with those of others in the district, according to seniority and merit."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Were they allowed to draw the Madras scales of pay from 1st January 1949, the date of absorption? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They have been absorbed from 1st January 1949 and certainly they would have been allowed to draw the pay. There might have been some time lag in giving effect to the order."

Location of the Local Board High School, Palamaner.

* 297 *Q*.—SRI B. KRISHNAMURTHY RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any representation received by the Government of Madras, from the District Board, Chittoor, requesting to give away the Public Works Department buildings of Palamaner to the Local Board High School ; and

(*b*) if so, in what stage the proposal lies?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) A representation has been received from the Chittoor District Board for the permanent transfer to it of the Public Works Department inspection bungalow at Palamaner, which has been leased to it temporarily for five years from 1949, for the use of the Local Board High School.

" (*b*) The matter is under consideration."

SRI K. VARADACHARI :—" Is the Education Department putting sufficient pressure on the Public Works Department and is there a chance of this building being transferred for the use of the High School at least from the next academic year? "